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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/726,470	Applicant(s) ZHELEVA ET AL.	
	Examiner B. Dell Chism	Art Unit 1654	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25, 36, 41, 42, 44-47 and 55-84 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19, 20, 22-25, 36, 41, 42, 44-47, 55-66 and 75-84 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18, 21 and 67-74 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is advised that the Notice of Allowance mailed 18 May 2005 is vacated. If the issue fee has already been paid, applicant may request a refund or request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either found allowable or held abandoned. If allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied. If abandoned, applicant may request refund or credit to a specified Deposit Account.

2. Prosecution on the merits of this application is reopened on the originally elected Group I, claims 1-34, considered unpatentable for the reasons indicated below:

Applicants elected the species of SEQ ID NO: 35 in the original restriction requirement. Here the search is renewed and was extended to include other species, since SEQ ID NO: 35 was found free of the art. SEQ ID NO: 35 is now indicated as allowable, however, prior art was found on the generic claims. Accordingly, all claims not reading on the species found in the prior art are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16-18, 21 and 67-74 are found to read upon the prior art species. Therefore, claims 19-20, 22-25, 36, 41-42, 44-47, 55-66 and 75-84 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 16-18, 21 and 67-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Decroly et al. (J. Biol. Chem. 1994, Vol. 269, No. 16, pages 12240-12247). Decroly et al. disclose a sequence that anticipates the generic formula II (SEQ ID NO: 2). The sequence Dec-Arg-Lys-Arg-Arg-Ψ[CH₂NH]-Phe-Leu-Gly-Phe-NH₂ teaches all the elements or portions of the Markush groups of the recited claims 16-18, 21 and 67-74.

Conclusion

5. No claims are allowable, however, the species of SEQ ID NO: 35 is free of the art and allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. Dell Chism, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0962. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 08:30 AM - 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, PhD can be reached on (571) 272-0974.

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